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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week



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- **Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible over portions of NM, TX, and OK the next few days.**
- **Isolated severe storms with damaging winds and hail are possible over NM, the TX/OK Panhandles and W OK today.**
- **Tropical Storm Fred will make landfall in the FL Panhandle today with no impacts to FEMA Region 6.**
- **Grace will move over Hispaniola today, near or over Cuba tomorrow and Wednesday, and then possibly into the south-central and southwest Gulf on Thursday and Friday.**
  - **Too early to pinpoint potential impacts to FEMA Region 6.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Aug 16, 2021 - Aug 20, 2021



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DAY / THREAT	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Severe Storms	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	NM, W OK, TX	S NM, OK, W/NW TX	SW NM, SW OK, W-Central/NW TX		
Fire Weather					
Tropical Winds / Surge					
Heat					
River Flooding					

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



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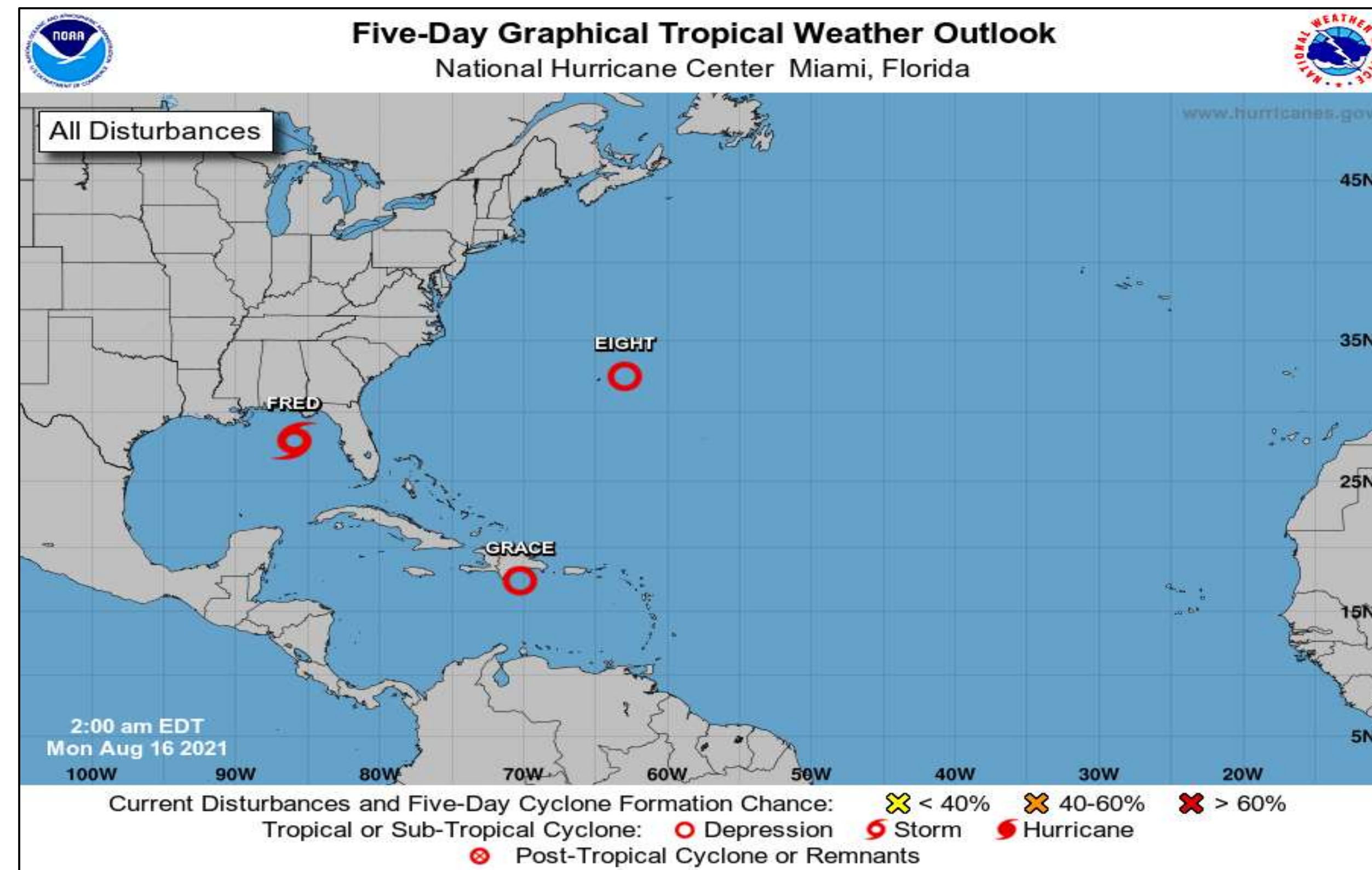
See next slides for more information

## Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA IV
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## Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA IV
Fred	None.
Grace	Too early to pinpoint potential impacts to FEMA 6 given the low degree of certainty in the forecast late this week.
Eight	None.

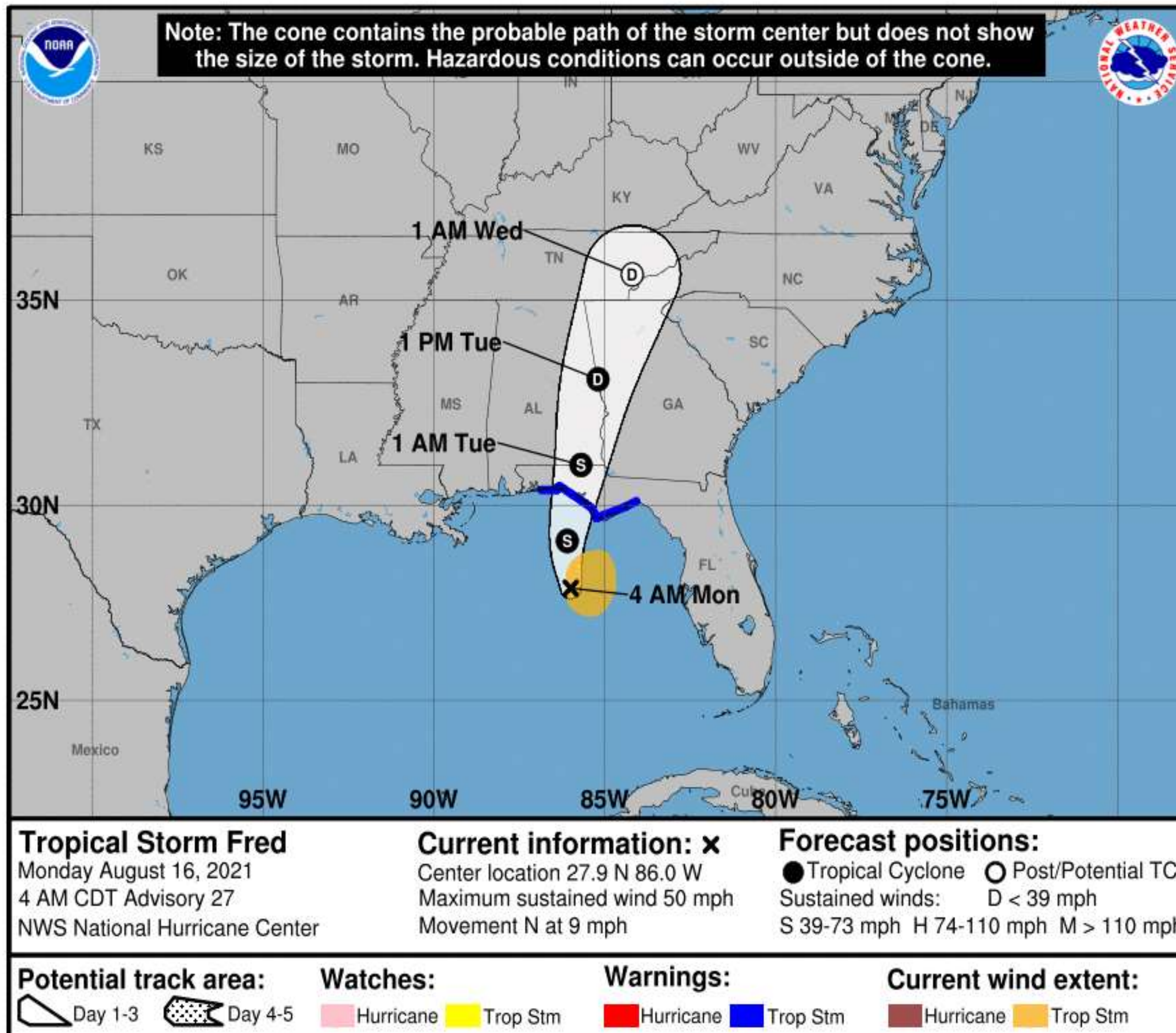




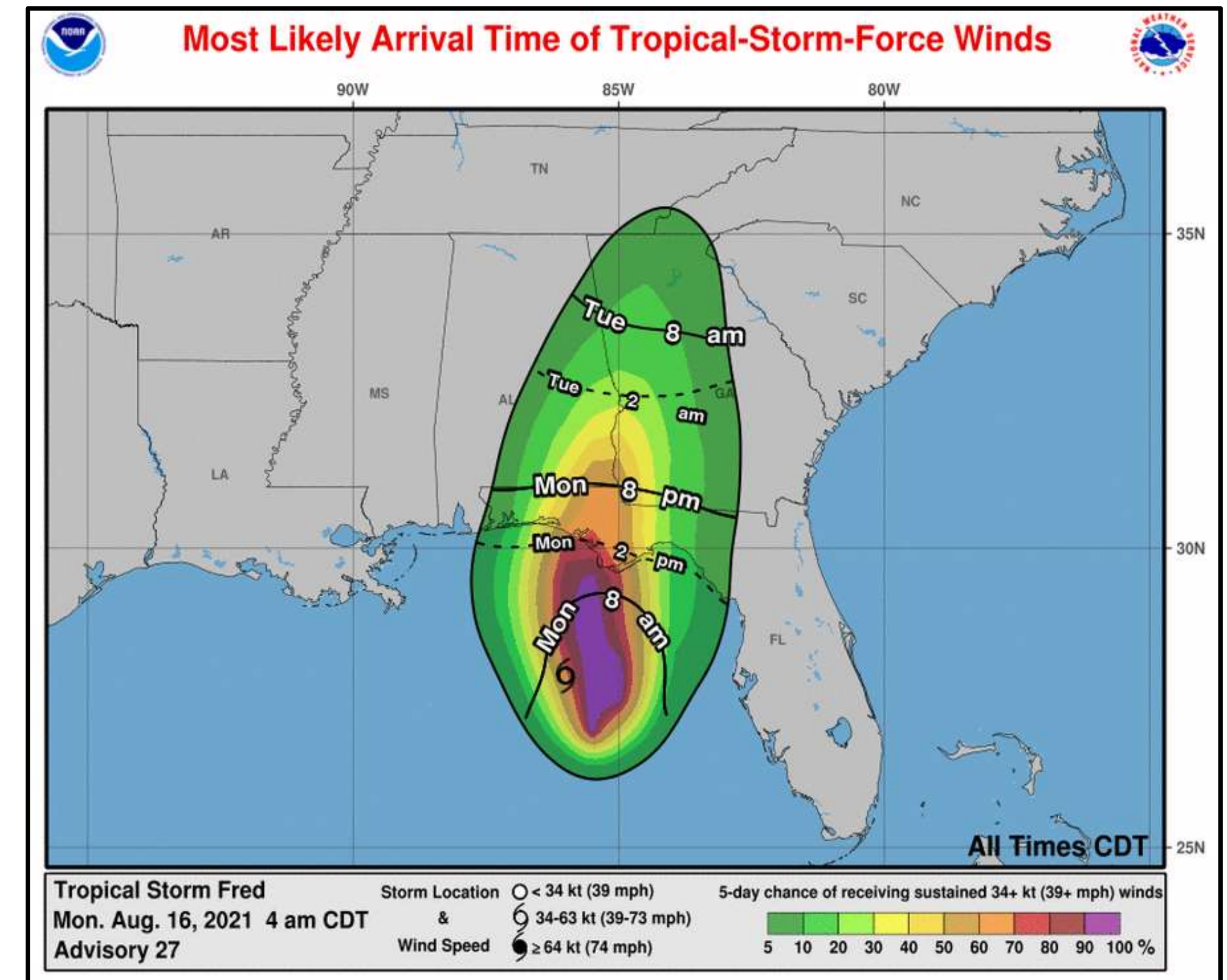
# Tropical Storm Fred



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**Tropical Storm Fred will make landfall in the FL Panhandle today. No impacts to FEMA Region 6.**

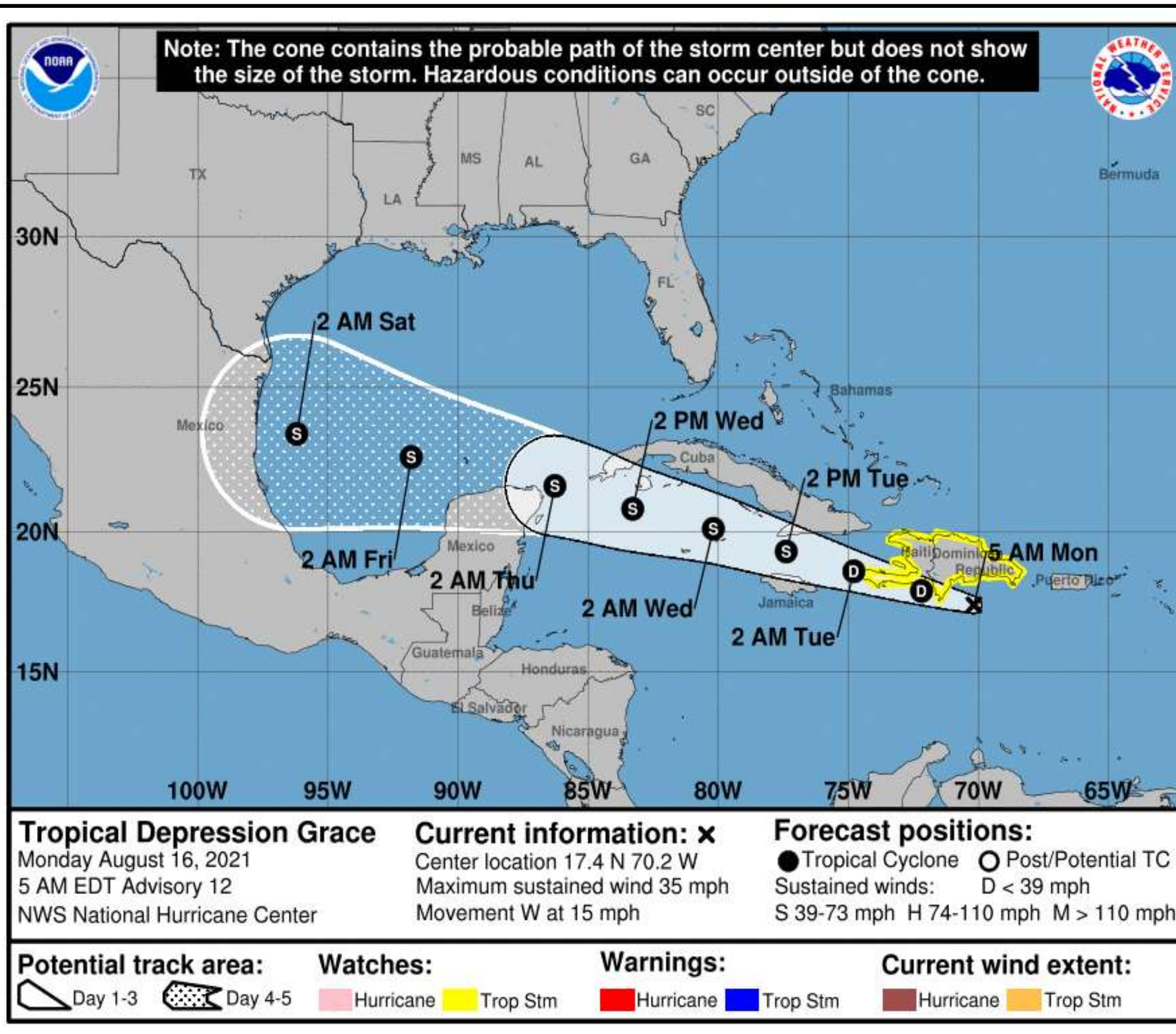




# Tropical Depression Grace



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Grace will move over Hispaniola today, near or over Cuba tomorrow & Wednesday, & then possibly into the south-central & southwest Gulf on Thursday & Friday. Too early to pinpoint potential impacts to FEMA Region 6 given the low degree of certainty in the forecast late this week.





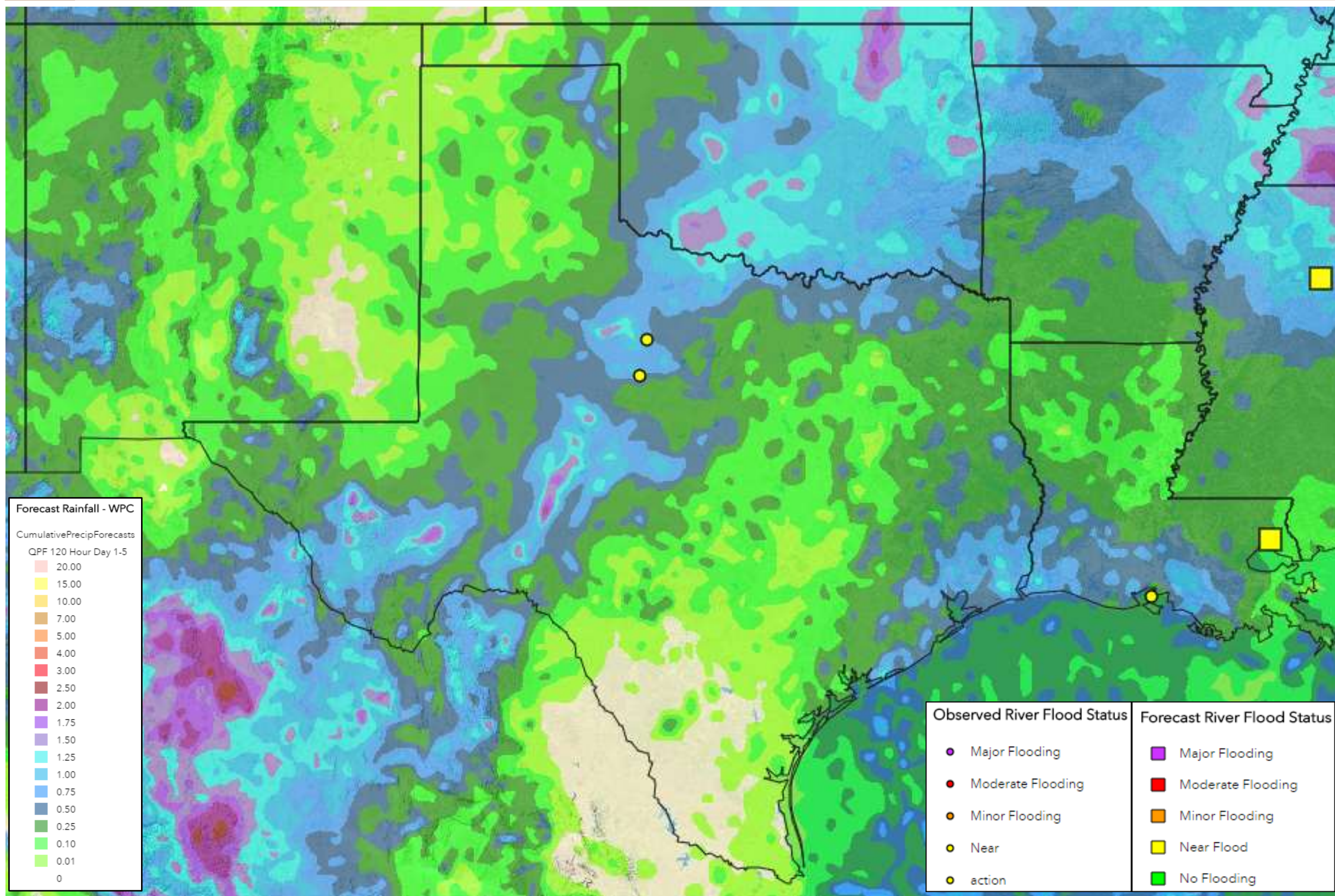
# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*

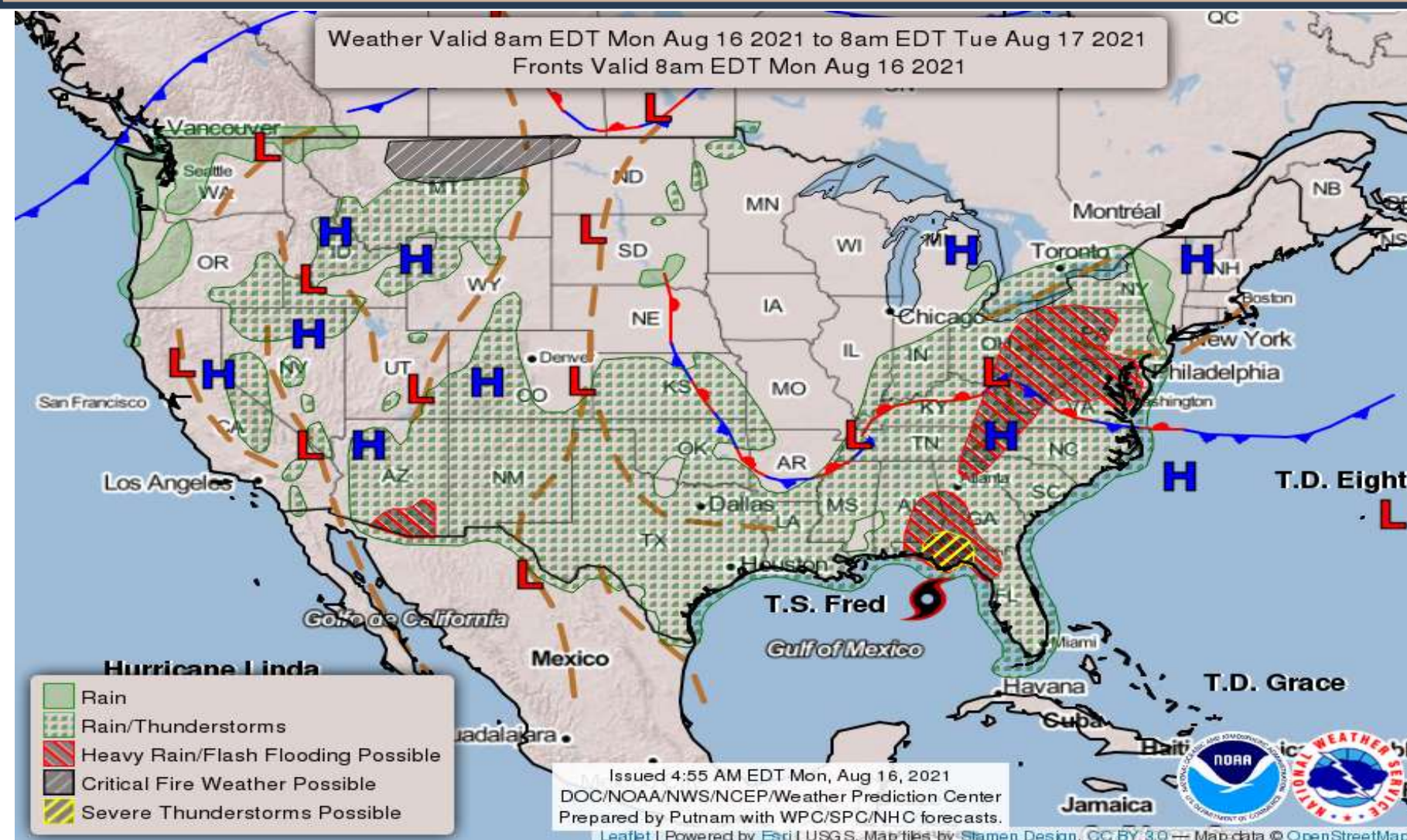
**No river flooding is occurring or expected.**



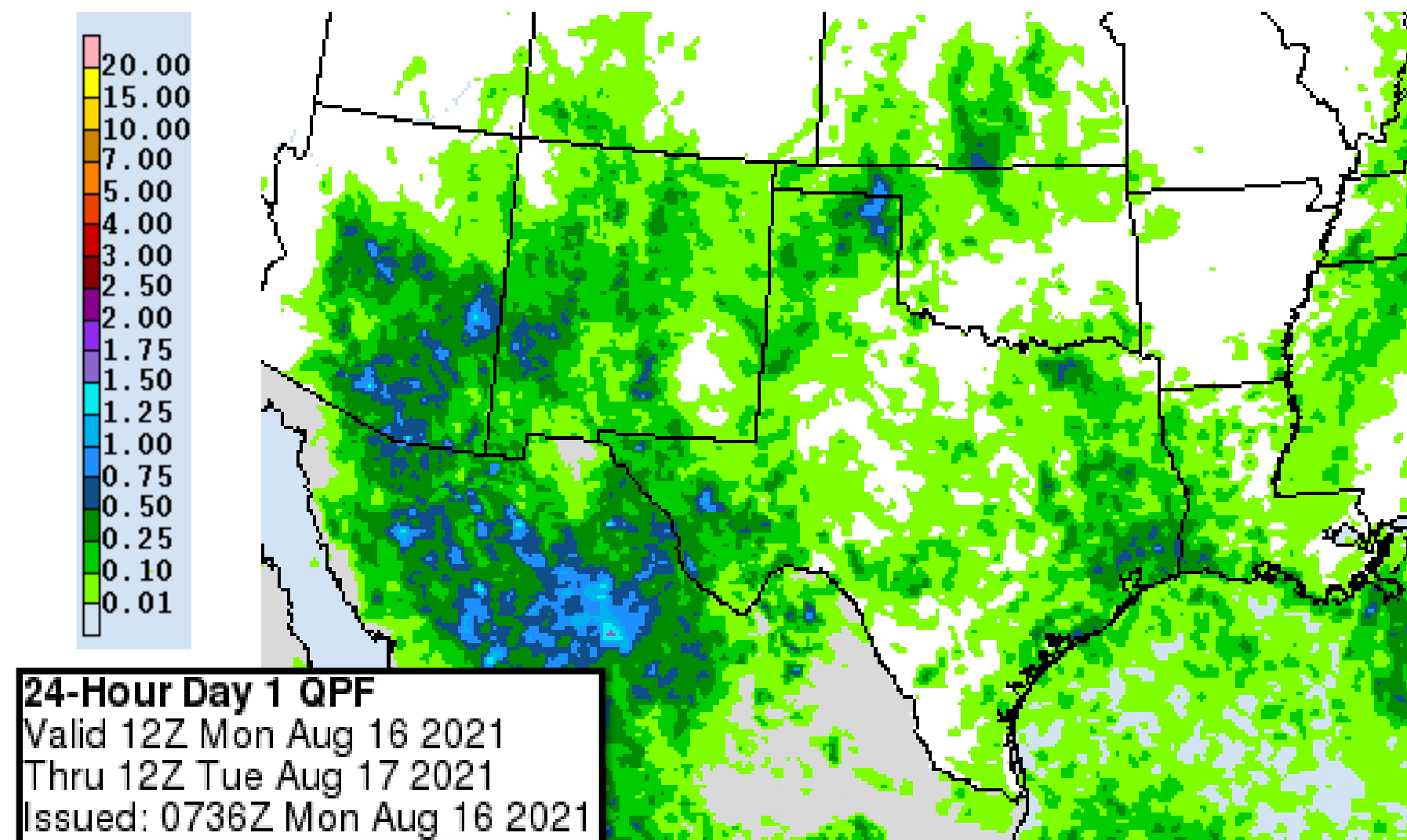


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



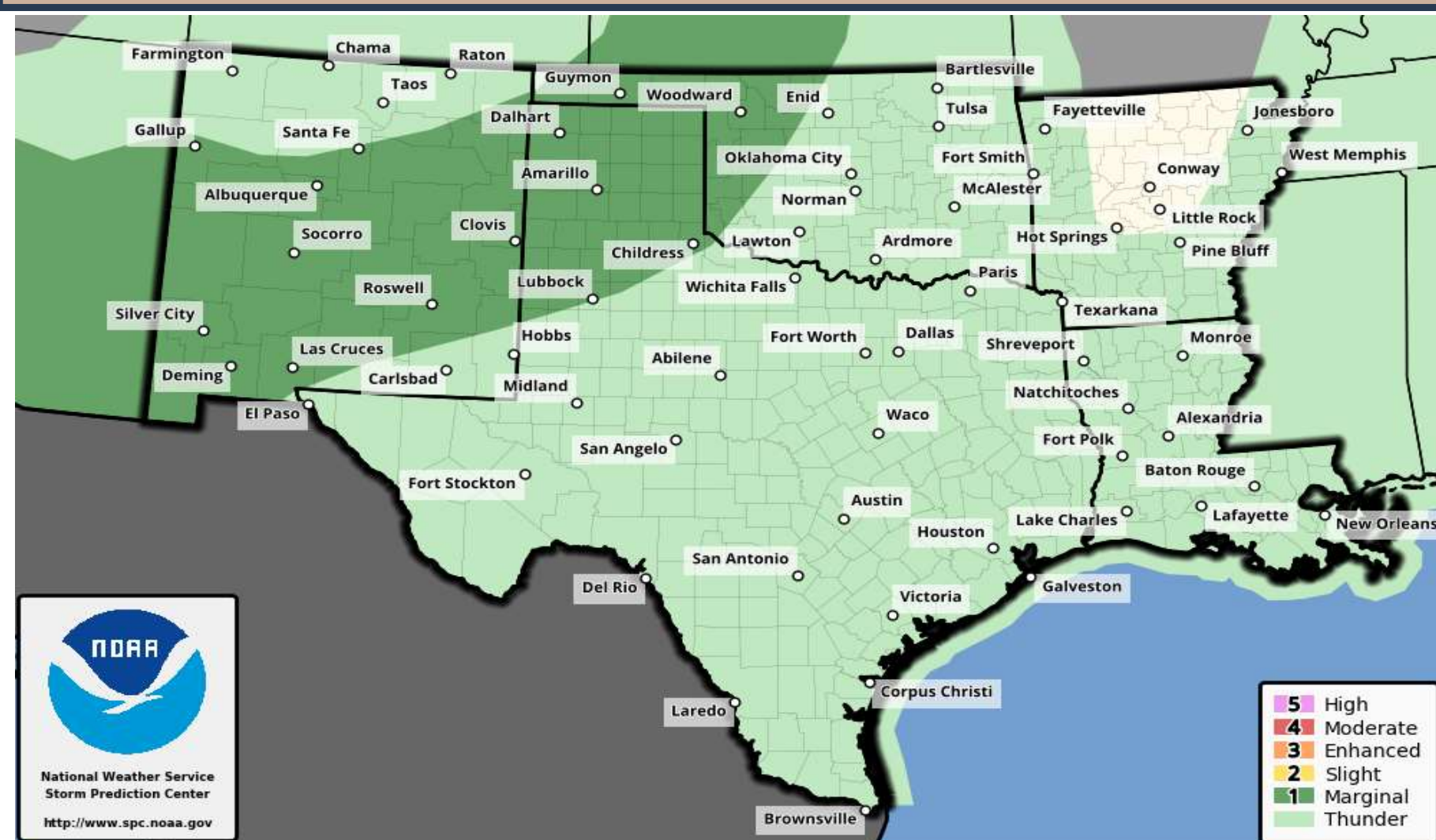
## Forecast Rainfall



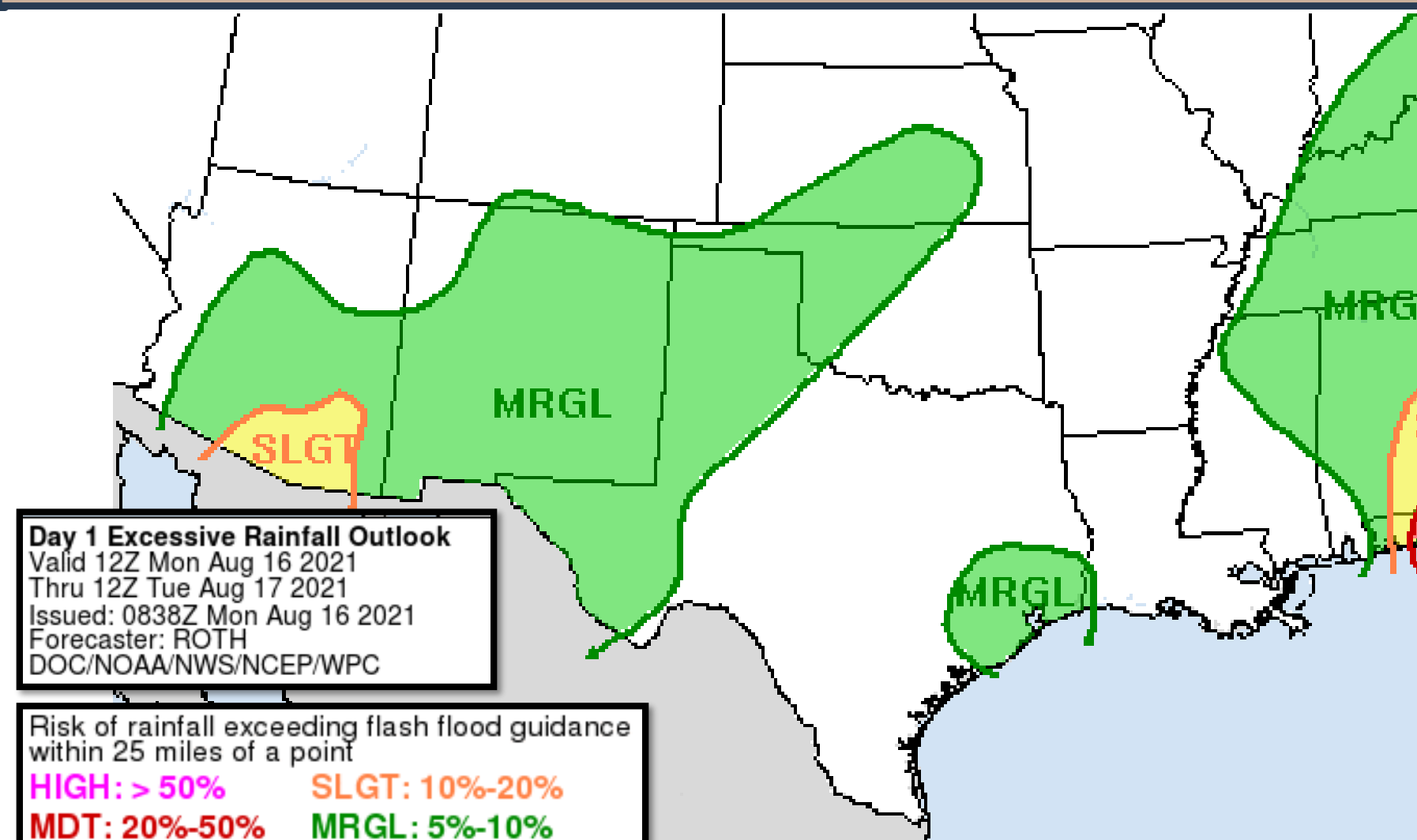
Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible across NM, W OK, and portions of TX.

Isolated severe storms with damaging wind gusts and/or hail possible for NM, TX/OK Panhandles & W OK.

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



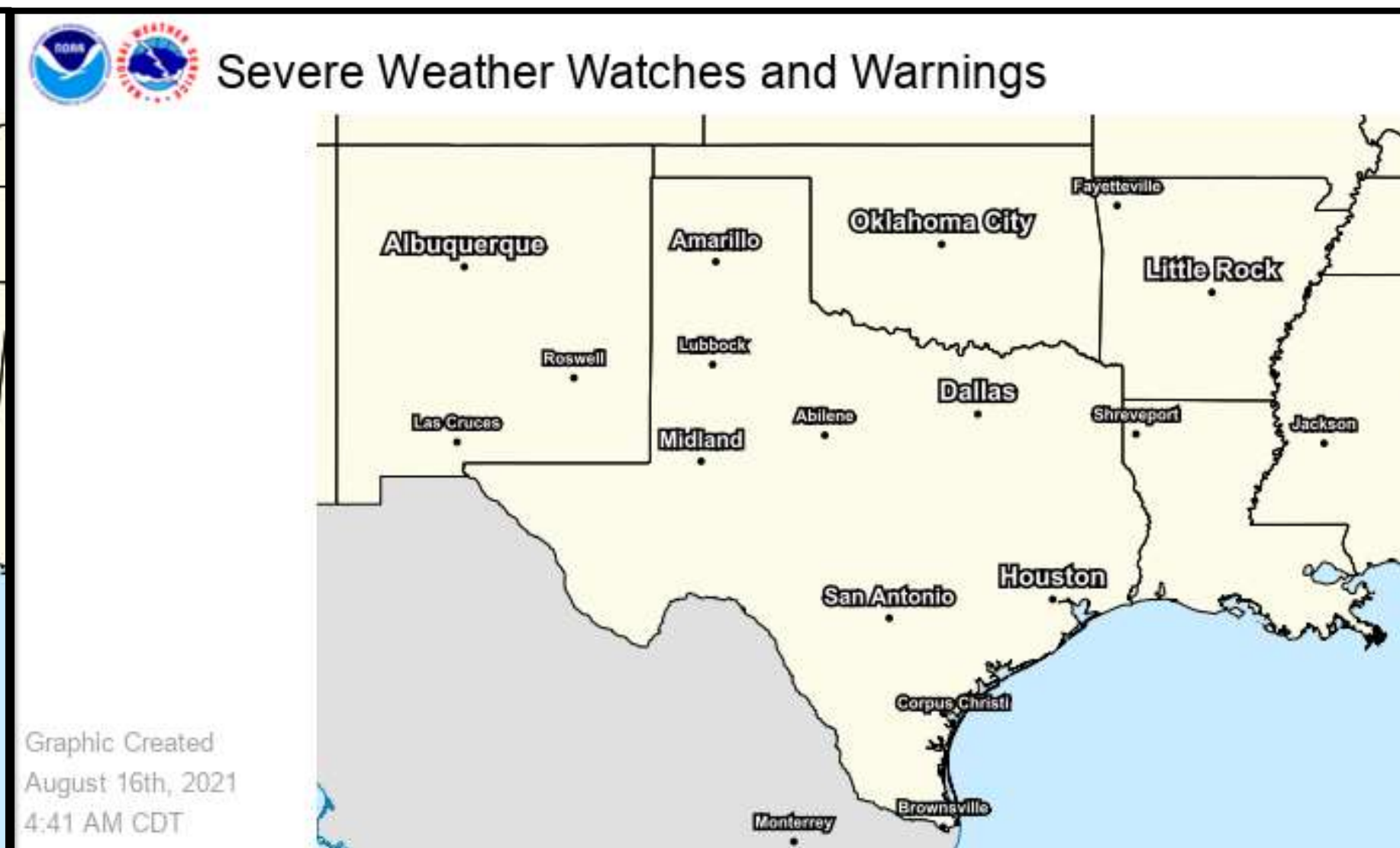


# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



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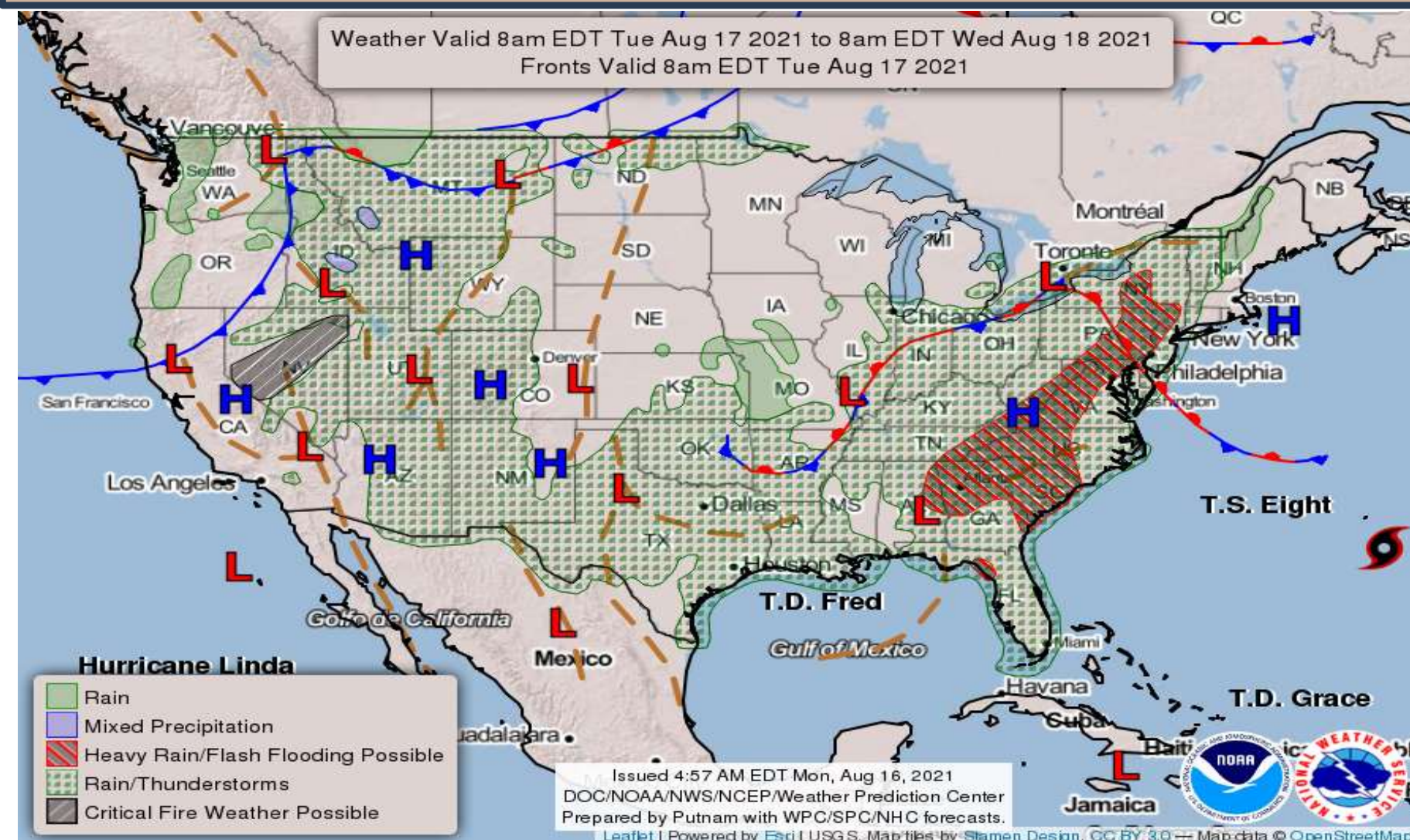
**Flash Flood Watches in effect through tonight for S NM and Far West TX.**



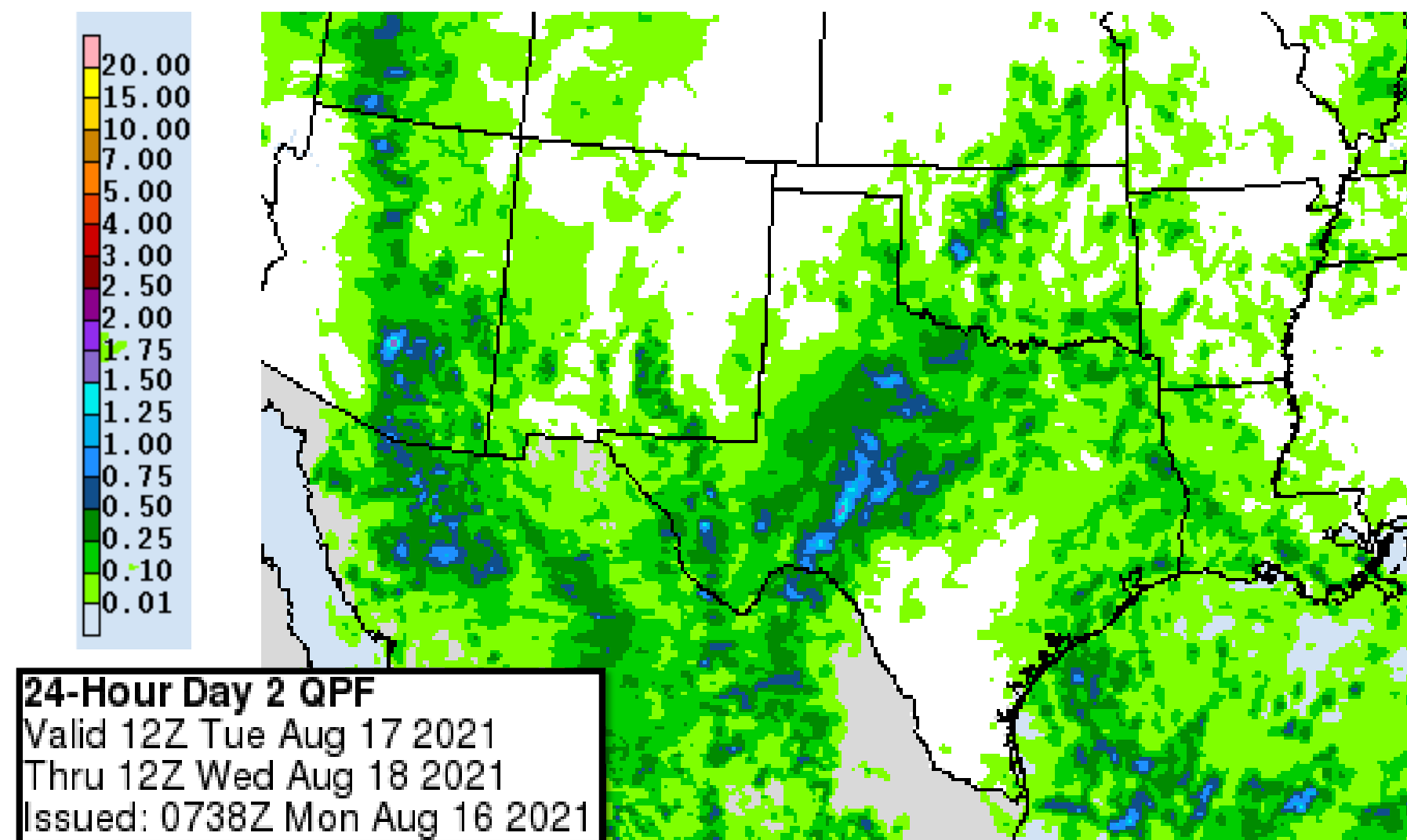


# Tomorrow's Weather

## Forecast Chart

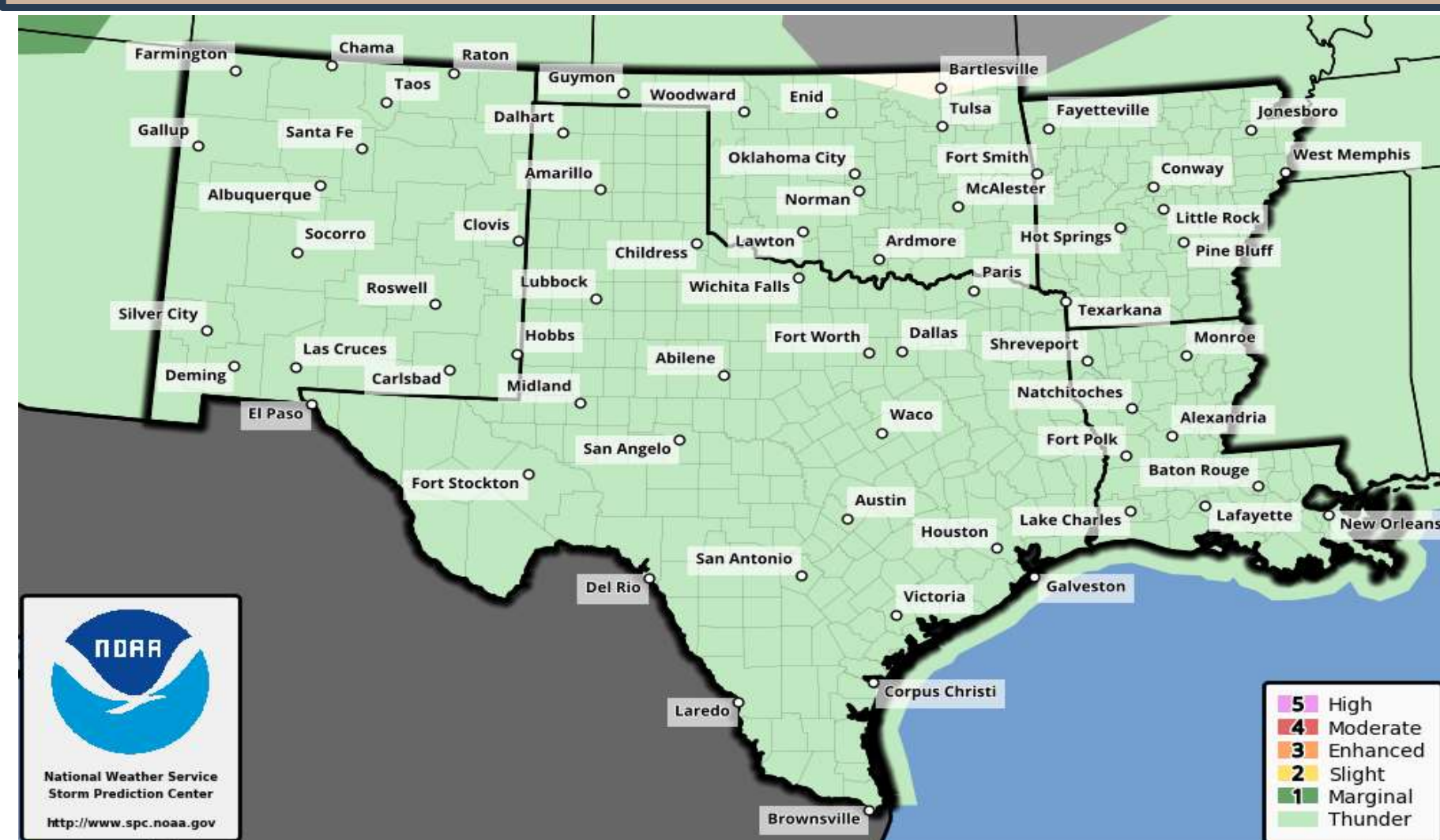


## Forecast Rainfall

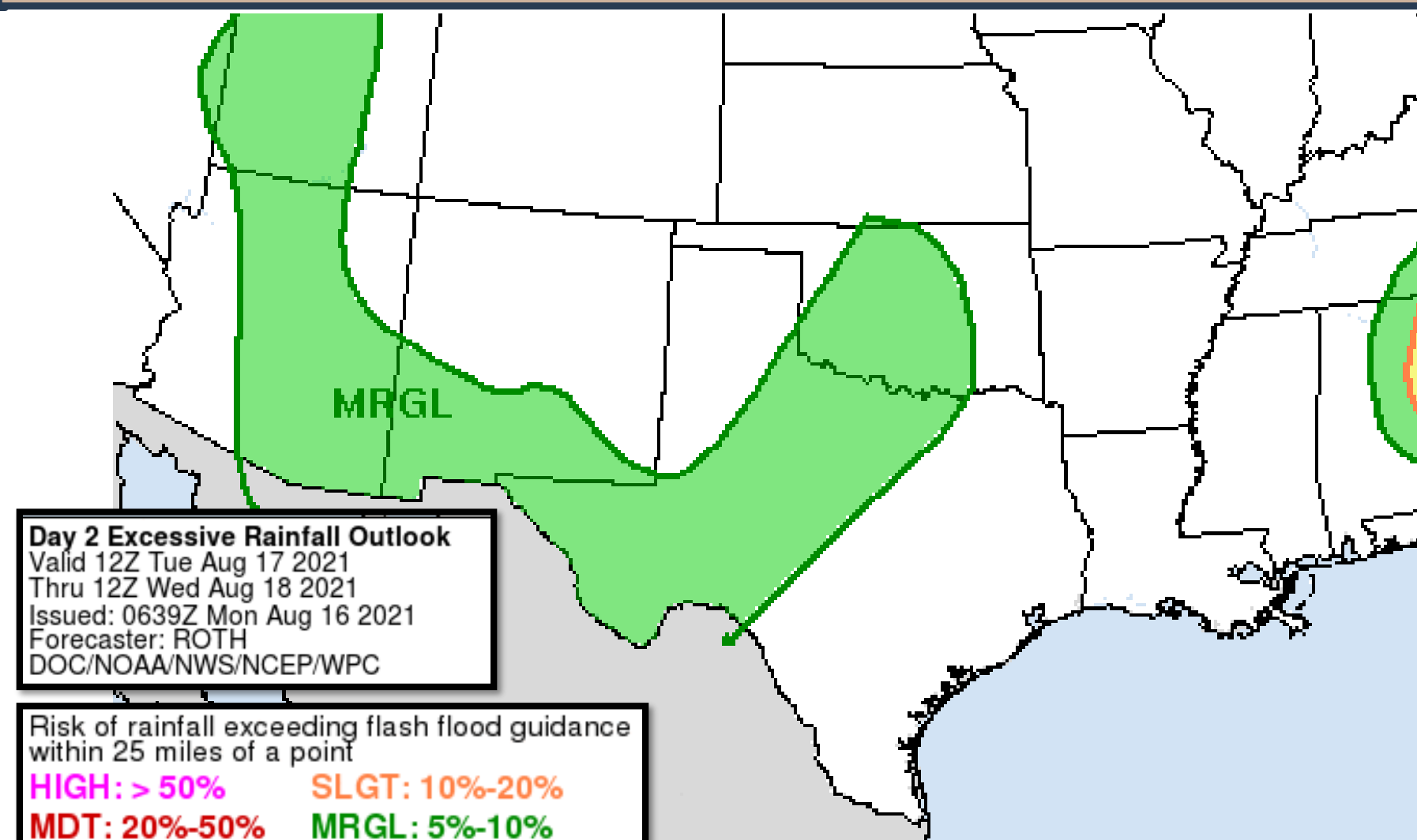


**Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible over S NM, OK and W/NW TX.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



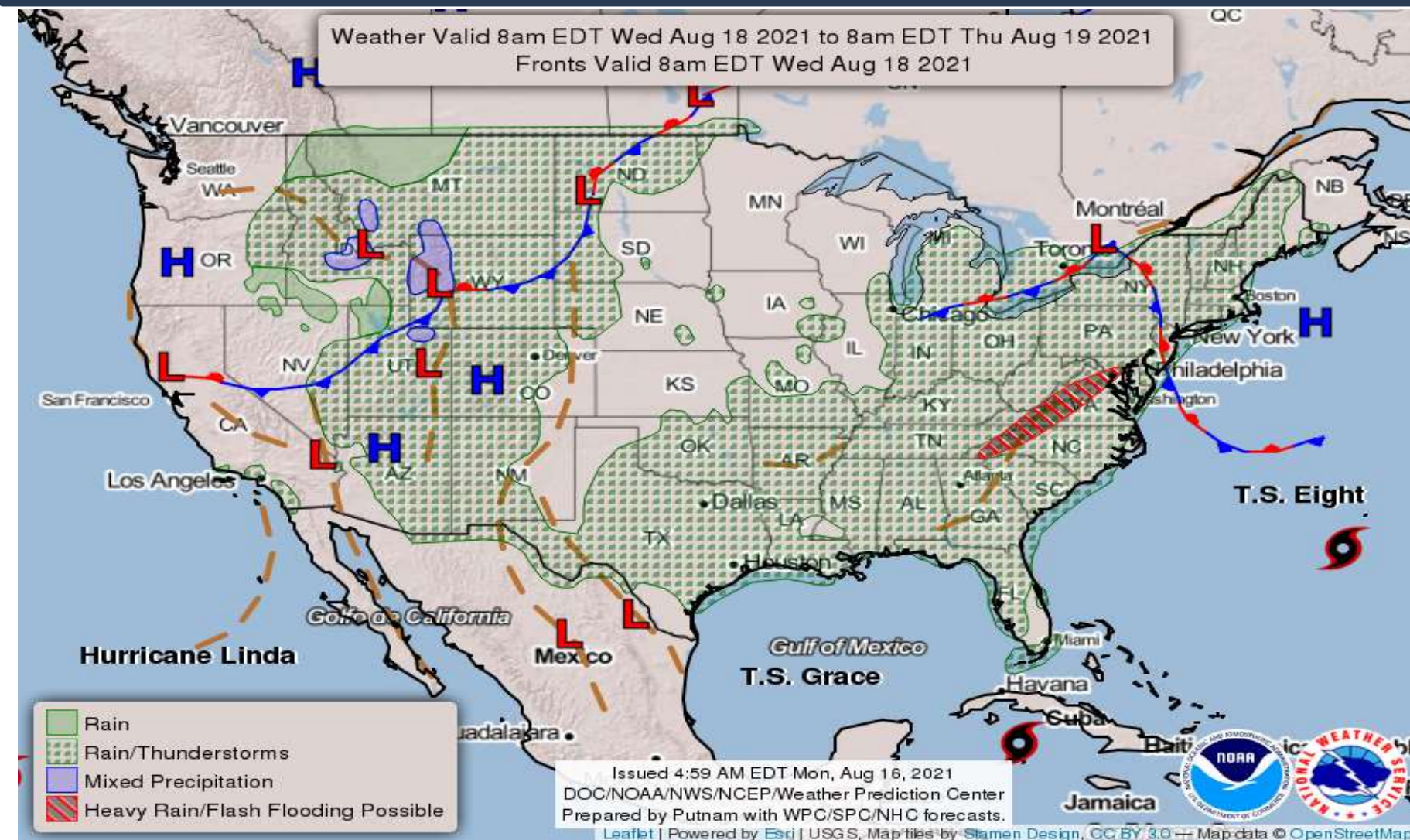
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



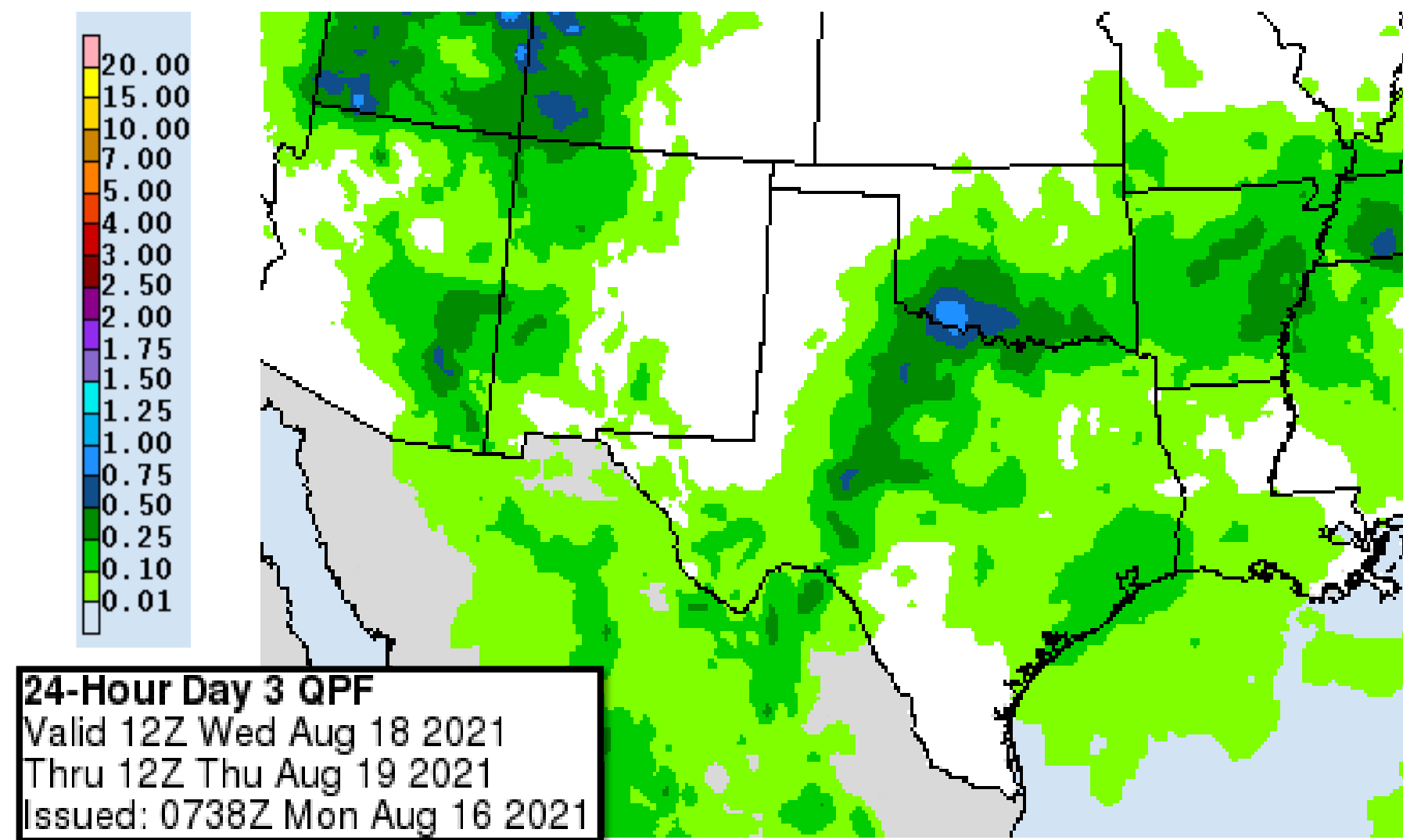


# Wednesday's Weather

## Forecast Chart

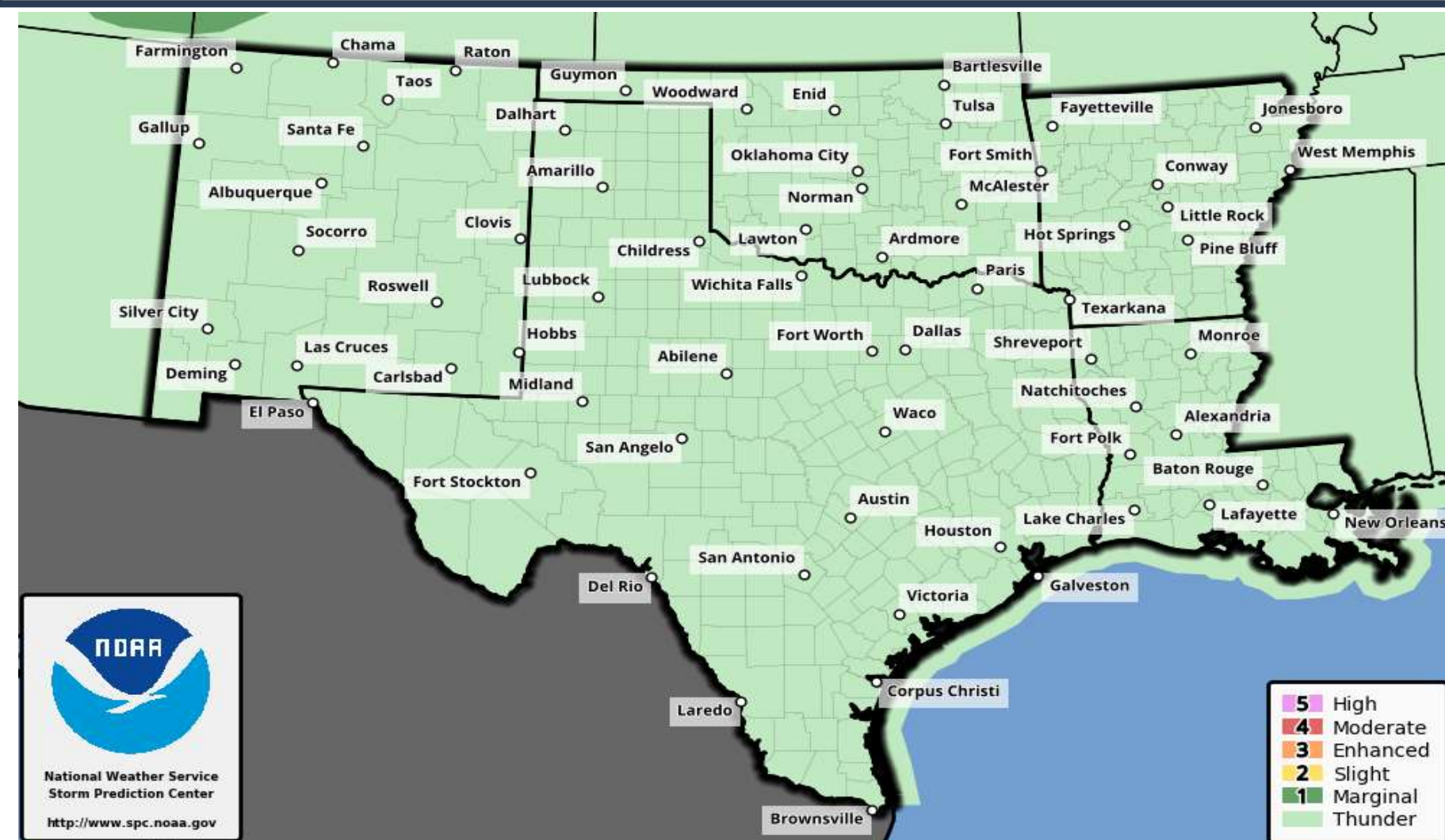


## Forecast Rainfall

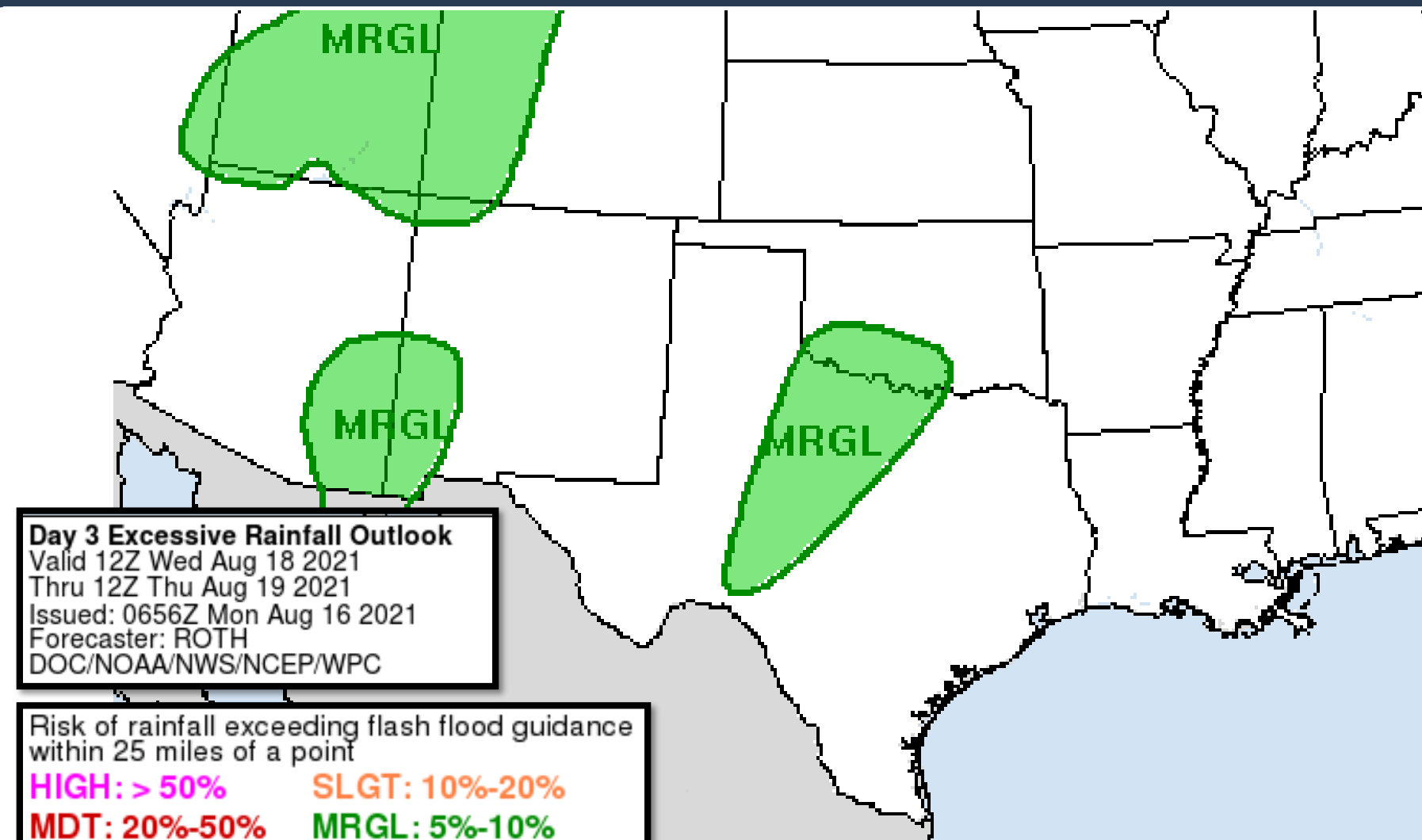


Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible over SW NM, SW OK, W-Central/NW TX.

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





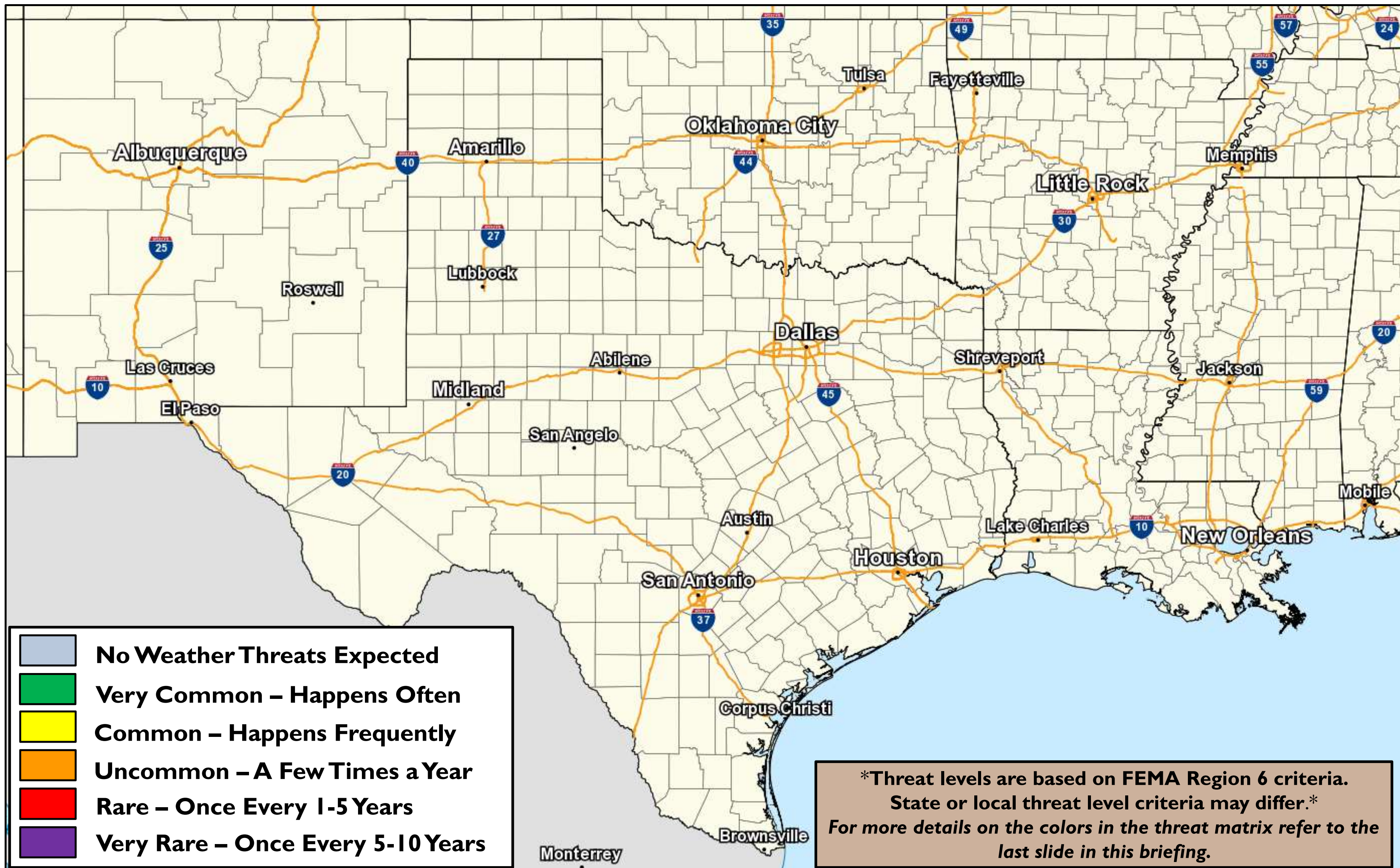
# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Thursday - Friday



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No significant weather  
expected.



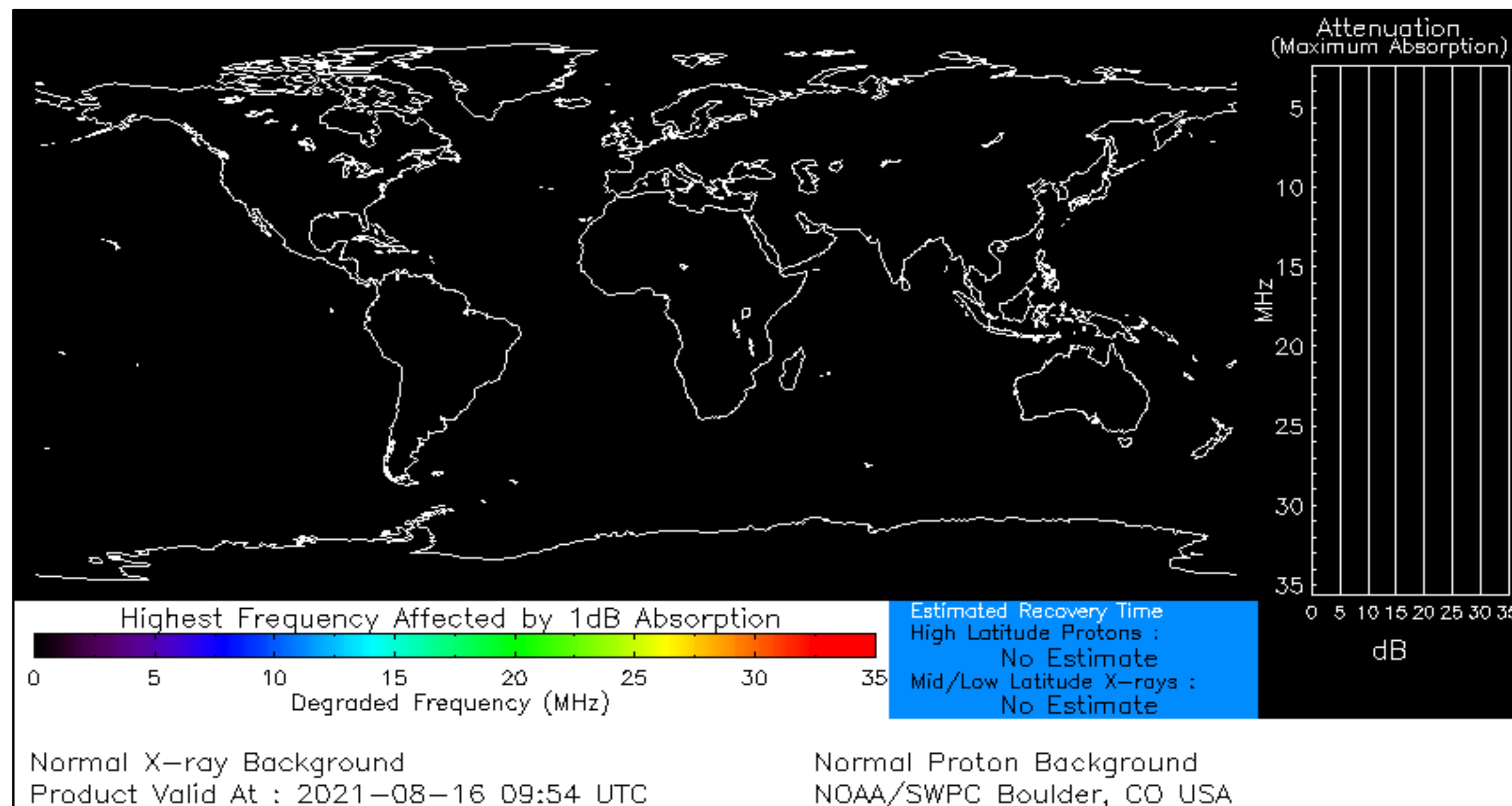


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



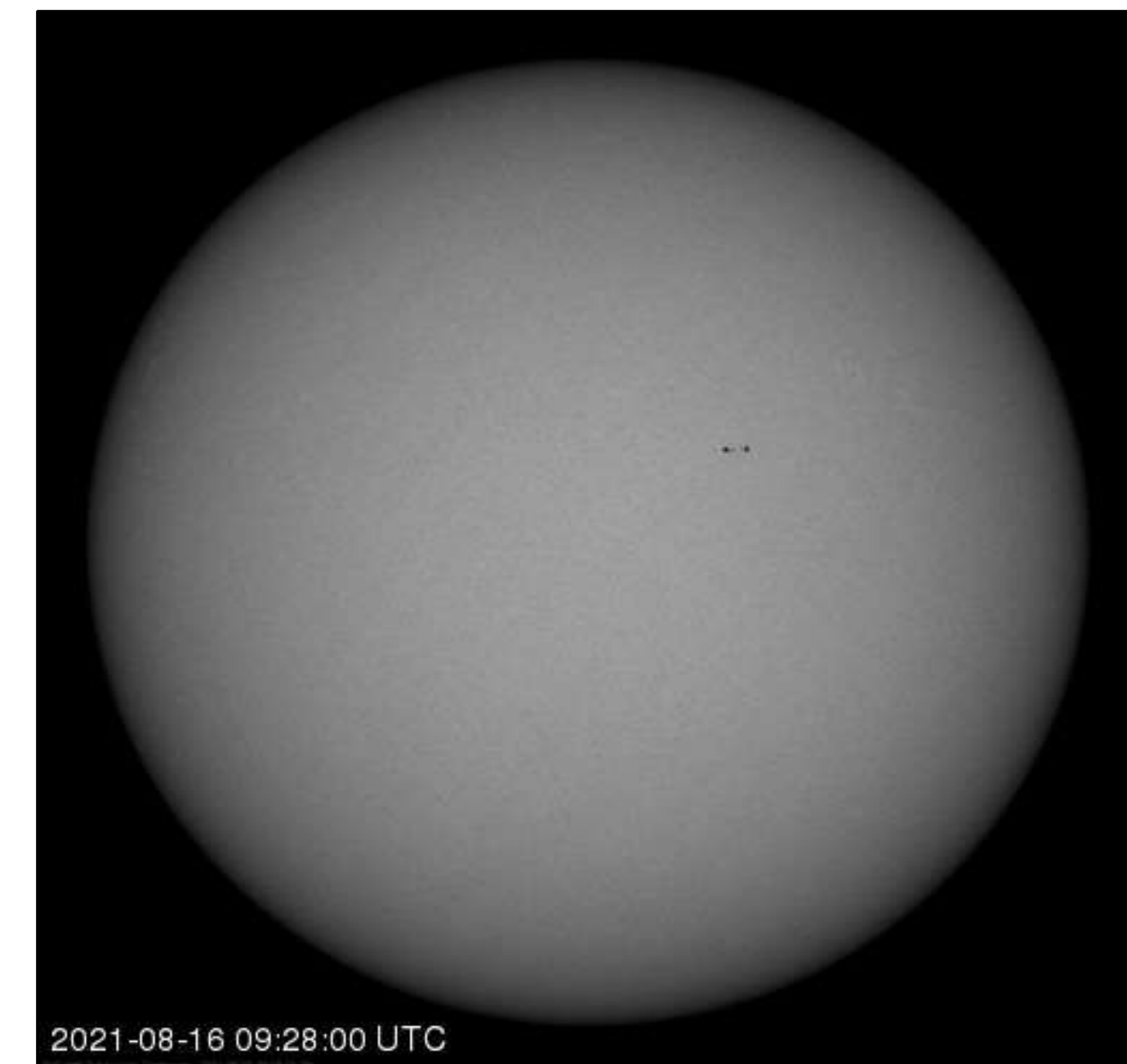
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)







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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

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